

Claim 18, unlisted above would be examinable with any of the foregoing Groups of Claims.

As understood, generic claim 1 is a linking claim that would be examinable with any of the above Groups of claims. In addition, the allowability of claim 1 would result in the rejoinder of the non-elected linked claims dependent from generic claim 1, so that such non-elected claims would also be deemed allowable assuming they are dependent from and contain the limitations of claim 1.

### **ELECTION**

Applicant provisionally elects with traverse the subject matter of Group I (claims 3,4, 8-16, 20-21, 24-25) , including generic claim 1 and claim 18 for further examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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